

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
February 6, 2018**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:05 A.M., on February 6, 2018 in Training Room 1, Suite 201, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, Chairperson
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Kleiner, RN, Case Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:** **Jennifer Brinegar, RN 0001-259342**
Ms. Brinegar appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:39 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brinegar. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Kleiner and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 9:55 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Jennifer Brinegar and to Take No Further Action at this, contingent upon Ms. Brinegar remaining in compliance with the Health Practitioners Monitoring Program (HPMP).
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Brinegar unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brinegar within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Arlene Brown, LPN 0002-066137
Ms. Brown appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:40 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Brown. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Kleiner and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:10 A.M.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Arlene Brown and require she provide proof of completion of the following course within 60 days of entry of the Order: "*Nurse Practice Acts*".

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Brown unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Brown within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

RECESS:

The committee recessed at 11:30 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The committee reconvened at 1:00 P.M.

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Danielle Rappa, RN 0001-238425

Ms. Rappa appeared accompanied by her attorney Douglas Crockett, Esquire.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Rappa. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Kleiner and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:15 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order of Reprimand to Danielle Rappa and require her to submit to a mental health evaluation by a mental health specialist satisfactory to the Board and have a written report of the evaluation, including a diagnosis, recommended course of therapy, and prognosis sent to the Board within 90 days from the date the Order is entered. Ms. Rappa shall thereafter comply with any recommendations of the specialists, including submission of written quarterly reports, until discharged from therapy. Upon receipt of the evaluation, the Board may request Ms. Rappa to reappear at an informal conference in order to consider the specialists' recommendations and make a final disposition in the matter.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Rappa unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Rappa within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated

CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:

Lisa Gaither, LPN 0002-026011
Ms. Gaither did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 4:40 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Gaither. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Kleiner and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:50 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Friedenberg moved to offer Lisa Gaither a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her license in lieu of a Formal Hearing and until such time as she appears before the Board to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of practical nursing.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Gaither and the Board.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Justin Blynt, LPN 0002-094309
Mr. Blynt did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 5:00 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Martin. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Kleiner and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 5:10 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Friedenberg moved to issue an Order to Justin Blynt to Take No Action at this time, contingent upon verification of Mr. Blynt's entry into HPMP within 60 days of order and remaining in compliance with HPMP.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

An Order will be entered. As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Mr. Blynt unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Mr. Blynt within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the Order shall be vacated.

**CONFERENCES
SCHEDULED:**

Michele Turner, RN 0001-168712
Ms. Turner appeared.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 6:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision

in the matter of Ms. Turner. Additionally, Ms. Friedenberg moved that Ms. Kleiner and Mr. Kazzie attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 6:35 P.M.

Ms. Friedenberg moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Ms. Friedenberg moved to offer Michele Turner a Consent Order for the indefinite suspension of her license with said suspension Stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Turner's entry into HPMP and remaining in compliance with HPMP.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Turner and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 7:00 P.M.



Linda Kleiner, RN
Case Manager